

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BONN 11276 171552Z

72

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 IO-14 ISO-00 SAJ-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03

INR-11 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03

SS-20 USIA-15 DRC-01 /117 W  
----- 019027

R 171538Z JUL 74

FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3844

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

USMISSION GENEVA

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

USMISSION NATO BRUSSELS

USMISSION BERLIN

C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 11276

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GW, US

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN  
MINISTER GENSCHER

1. AT JULY 16 MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR, GENSCHER COMMENTED ON HIS RECENT, LENGTHY MEETING WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR FALIN (CF BONN 11167) SAYING THAT NOTHING NEW HAD EMERGED. APART FROM DISCUSSING PLANS FOR A VISIT BY THE CHANCELLOR TO THE SOVIET UNION IN LATE FALL, THE FRG'S MAIN INTEREST HAD BEEN TO TRY TO IMPRESS UPON FALIN THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT BERLIN QUESTIONS PLAY AND WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY IN THE FRG'S RELATIONS WITH THE USSR. THE GERMANS WANTED A GOOD AND EXPANDING LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP, BUT A NARROW MINDED AND PETTY SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD BERLIN WOULD MAKE THIS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. GENSCHER SAID FALIN HAD ASSURED HIM THAT HE TRIED TO CONVEY THIS POINT CLEARLY IN HIS REPORTS TO MOSCOW.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BONN 11276 171552Z

2. GENSCHER CONFIRMED THAT IN HIS TALK WITH FALIN

THERE HAD BEEN NO DIRECT DISCUSSION OF THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY (FEA). HOWEVER, HE RECALLED THAT FALIN HAD MADE A REMARK ON THE GENERAL QUESTION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE US. FALIN HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE SOVIETS REGARDED US POSITIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT AS A SIGNIFICANT MEASURE OF US SINCERITY IN PURSUING DETENTE. GENSCHER NOTED A CERTAIN TENDENCY ON THE PART OF THE SOVIETS TO TRY TO ESTABLISH A KIND OF US-USSR BILATERALISM EVEN IN BERLIN MATTERS. THE AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT THE SAME TENDENCY, WHICH WAS NEW IN CONNECTION WITH BERLIN AND WHICH WE INTENDED TO RESIST, HAD BECOME EVIDENT IN HIS OWN RECENT MEETINGS WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE GDR YEFREMOV.

3. COMMENTING GENERALLY ON BERLIN MATTERS, THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE SOVIET INTEREST IN CONTINUATION OF DETENTE AND RELATED OBJECTIVES WAS SO STRONG THAT IT WOULD SET REASONABLE LIMITS TO THEIR TROUBLEMAKING IN BERLIN. GENSCHER RESPONDED THAT, IN HIS VIEW, IF THERE EVER WAS AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR OPENING THE FEA IN BERLIN NOW WAS THAT TIME. OBVIOUSLY, IT WAS UNWELCOME TO THE GDR, BUT IN ANY EVENT THE SOVIET "DOG" WAS GOING TO HAVE TO LEARN NOT TO SUCCUMB TO THE DANGER OF LETTING ITSELF BE WAGGED BY THE GDR "TAIL."

4. WITH REGARD TO CSCE, THE AMBASSADOR ASKED GENSCHER HOW HE FORESAW THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALLIANCE DISCUSSIONS AIMED AT AGREEING ON WHAT THE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL CONTENT WOULD BE. GENSCHER AVOIDED A DIRECT ANSWER, SAYING THAT THE FRG CONTINUED TO HOLD THE VIEW THAT THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION AT A SUMMIT LEVEL CONCLUSION OF CSCE GAVE IMPORTANT LEVERAGE TO THE WESTERN PARTICIPANTS. WE SHOULD NOT DEPRIVE OURSELVES OF THIS LEVERAGE EITHER BY A FLAT NO TO THE SOVIETS OR BY ACCEPTING THE IDEA OF A SUMMIT MEETING. THE AMBASSADOR SAID IT SEEMED AS IF THE EC-NINE, FOR PURPOSES OF MAINTAINING LEVERAGE, WANTED TO LEAVE THING CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 BONN 11276 171552Z

THINGS UNCLEAR FOR A TIME YET; HOWEVER OUR POSITION AS WE WERE PUTTING IT TO THE NATO COUNCIL IN BRUSSELS FAVORED MOVING AHEAD TOWARDS DEFINITION OF OUR BASIC REQUIREMENTS AND AGREEING ON PUTTING THEM TO THE SOVIETS.  
HILLENBRAND

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, MEETINGS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 17 JUL 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** golinofr  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974BONN11276  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740192-0560  
**From:** BONN  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19740743/aaaabkjin.tel  
**Line Count:** 113  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** golinofr  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 04 APR 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <04 APR 2002 by worrelsw>; APPROVED <20 JUN 2002 by golinofr>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER  
**TAGS:** PFOR, GE, US, (GENSCHER), (FALIN)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005